it being understood that, when X is an L-alanyl residue, at least one of these two groups R1 and R2 is an $O(CH_2)_xH$ group as defined above, and that R2 cannot be a group:

and wherein said effective amount is also an amount that is capable of causing a 100% inhibition of the replication of said retrovirus in primary cultures of monocytes of the host.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 have been deleted, and claims 14-34 have been added in order to better define Applicant's invention.

Favorable action on the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

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